

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION
2004 Legislative Year**

Status as of June 30, 2004

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Bill Number Version	Author	Summary	Board Position	Status
AB 91 A-07/03/2003	Dutton	Public Employees' Retirement: Riverside County Deputy Coroners Authorizes Riverside County to reclassify deputy coroners as county peace officers and thereby make them eligible for local safety benefits. Also excludes the deputy coroner safety positions from coverage under Social Security.	Oppose Unless Amended	08/29/2003-Senate Appropriations Committee; held under submission.
AB 262 A-06/21/2004	Chan	Disclosure of Physicians' Prescribing Practices Prohibits a person from transmitting, selling, or releasing to a third party, in exchange for remuneration, the prescribing data of a physician, if the physician has placed his or her name on a DO NOT USE list. This list would be maintained by the Attorney General.	Support	06/23/2004-Senate Judiciary Committee
AB 1253 A-01/29/2004	Bermudez	Golden Handshake: State Employees Grants specified state employees other than school members, and state members employed by the California State University, an additional 2 years of service credit if those employees retire within a period, to be designated by the Director of Finance, during the 2004-05 fiscal year and if other conditions are met. Employees retiring with the extra 2 years of service credit would be required to convert any unused vacation or leave time to service credit at the rate of 0.004 year of service credit for each unused day of leave time or vacation.	Neutral	01/29/2004-Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1629 A-07/16/2003	Frommer	Health Facility Data Collection Requires every licensed hospital to provide OSHPD the health facility data required under the Health Data and Advisory Council Consolidation Act for all affiliates. Affiliates would include other entities for which the hospital exercises control, responsibility, or governance over a material portion of the assets or operations. The information reported on behalf of the affiliates must include specified financial data and patient utilization data. Also specifies the standards that OSHPD is required to consider in developing its data reporting requirements.	Support	08/29/2003-Senate Appropriations Committee; held under submission.

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AB 1693 A-06/21/2004	Wolk	Safety Reclassification: Bargaining Unit 7 Existing law provides that, on July 1, 2004, state miscellaneous employees in BU 7, employees in related managerial, supervisory, and confidential positions, and specified employees of the executive branch are to be reclassified from the state miscellaneous member classification to the state safety member classification. This bill changes the date of reclassification to July 1, 2005.		06/24/2004- Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on JUD.
AB 1800 A-05/26/2004	Steinberg	2004-05 Budget Act This bill would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2004-05 fiscal year. Urgency clause.		05/26/2004- Assembly Budget Committee
AB 1958 A-06/23/2004	Frommer	CalPERS Rx Purchasing Consortium Authorizes the Board to establish a prescription drug purchasing consortium. Uninsured individuals, public group purchasers, public institutions, and small private employers are authorized to participate in the consortium, with the Board determining eligibility criteria by regulation. The operation of the pharmaceutical purchasing consortium authorized by this bill is contingent upon funding by the Legislature for initial start-up costs. The consortium could not be implemented if it jeopardizes CalPERS' governmental plan status.	Support	06/23/2004- Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1959 A-05/20/2004	Chu	State Auditor Evaluation of Drug Purchasing Requires the State Auditor to conduct an audit of the state's procurement and reimbursement with respect to the purchasing of prescription drugs for or by state agencies, including CalPERS. The audit report is due to the Legislature by May 31, 2005. The State Auditor is required to submit a status report in 2006 regarding implementation of its recommendations. The bill also states the Legislature's intent to conduct subsequent audits in 2007 and 2009, if warranted.	Neutral	06/17/2004- Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1960 A-06/23/2004	Pavley	PBM Disclosure Requirements Requires a pharmaceutical benefit manager (PBM) to disclose to its purchasers and prospective purchasers specified aggregate information regarding its rebate arrangements. Also prohibits a PBM from substituting a prescribed medication, except under specified circumstances.	Support	06/28/2004- Withdrawn from committee. Ordered placed on second reading file.

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AB 2033* A-04/21/2004	Nakano	PEMHCA Eligibility: National Guard Allows members of the California National Guard, the Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia to enroll in PEMHCA, with an employer contribution to be paid by the state, regardless of whether those members are on active duty.		05/19/2004- Assembly Appropriations Committee; held under submission.
AB 2044* I-02/17/2004	Garcia	LTC Insurance Tax Credit States the intent of the Legislature to enact a tax credit for the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for long-term care or long-term care insurance for any family member of the taxpayer.		02/18/2004- From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
AB 2326 A-06/23/2004	Corbett	Prescription Drug Report Card Requires DMHC to publish an annual report card, beginning January 1, 2006, based on evidence-based research, on the safety, efficacy, and cost of prescription drugs to be posted on the department's Web site. CalPERS and other state agencies would be notified as to the completion of the report card and its updates.		06/23/2004- Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2330 A-04/26/2004	Samuelian	Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award: Administrative Costs Provides for complete funding of the administrative costs of the Volunteer Firefighters Length of Service Award Fund, contingent upon appropriation from the General Fund.	Support	06/17/2004- Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2355 A-03/25/2004	Oropeza	CalPERS: Administrative Costs Requires the Board, upon request, to provide information to a contracting agency regarding administrative costs.	Neutral	06/15/2004- Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2680 A-04/22/2004	McLeod, Negrete	CalPERS: Property Acquisition for STRS Existing law authorizes the STRS Board to remodel, equip, or construct an office building in Sacramento County for a headquarters facility for STRS. Existing law also gives the CalPERS Board the authority to acquire property for use by STRS or other state retirement systems. This bill removes STRS from the systems for which the CalPERS Board has the authority to acquire property.		06/17/2004- From Consent Calendar. To third reading.

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AB 2711 I-02/20/2004	Leno	Local Agency Transfer Agreements Authorizes CalPERS to enter into an agreement with the San Francisco City and County Employees' Retirement System for the transfer of assets and liabilities with respect to safety members who are employed by the city and county or the local fire authority, as a result of a transfer of firefighting or law enforcement functions.	Support	06/15/2004-Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 2736* A-03/23/2004	McLeod, Negrete	State Military Personnel: Membership Provides that officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of specified state military organizations shall become state members of the retirement system upon completing at least one year of satisfactory service, whether part-time or full-time, as determined by the Military Department. Authorizes those persons to be members of the system when serving on a part-time basis. Also authorizes those members to receive service credit for prior satisfactory service in those state military organizations, if those members pay certain additional contributions to the system.		05/19/2004-Assembly Appropriations Committee; held under submission.
AB 2752 A-06/29/2004	Chu	Corporate Election Procedures Requires publicly traded companies subject to the California Corporations Code to establish corporate election procedures for shareholder recommendation of candidates for election to the board of directors. Also requires corporations to make a copy of their corporate election procedures available to shareholders upon a written request, and to post the procedures on the corporate website.	Support	06/29/2004-Do pass as amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR.
AB 2773* I-02/20/2004	Richman	Public Employees: Workers' Compensation Benefits Limits workers' compensation benefits for public employees who are also receiving a disability retirement from CalPERS.		03/31/2004-Assembly PER&SS Committee; failed passage.
AB 2903* I-02/20/2004	Campbell	State Employees' Retirement: Increased Contributions, Reduced Benefits for New Hires Increases state employee contributions to CalPERS by 1 percent. Also creates a lower tier of benefits for all state employees hired after the bill's implementation date.	Oppose	04/21/2004-Assembly PER&SS Committee

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AB 3082 E-06/17/2004	Committee on Judiciary	Code Maintenance Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes in various provisions of law to effectuate the recommendations made by the Legislative Counsel to the Legislature.		06/17/2004- In Assembly. To enrollment.
AJR 79 C-06/10/2004	Chu	Corporate Elections Urges the Securities and Exchange Commission to implement proposed Rule 14a-11 at the earliest possible date, to address the urgent need for reform to increase shareholder access to the proxy in corporate board elections and to promote corporate board accountability and responsiveness to shareholder concerns.	Support	06/10/2004- Chapter No. 92, Statutes of 2004
SB 9 A-06/07/2004	McClintock	State Safety Members: Bargaining Unit 7 Repeals provisions of SB 183 (Statutes of 2002), which provided for the July 1, 2004 reclassification of miscellaneous members in Bargaining Unit 7 to state safety membership.		06/23/2004- Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee.
SB 53 A-09/09/2003	Dunn	State and Local Safety Members: 100% Benefit Limit Increases the retirement benefit limit for local safety members from 90% to 100% of final compensation for those members who retire on or after January 1, 2004. Increases the benefit limit for state patrol members and peace officer/fire fighter members in BU 8 in the same way if CalPERS submits to the DPA and the Director of Finance a cost analysis determining that the increase shall result in either neutral cost or cost savings to the state employer.		01/08/2004- Placed on inactive file on request of Senator Dunn.
SB 126 A-06/02/2003	Chesbro	Rural Health Care Equity Program — Extension Extends the operation of the Rural Health Care Equity program to January 1, 2008. Otherwise, this program will sunset on January 1, 2005.	Support	08/29/2003- Assembly Appropriations Committee; held under submission.
SB 437 A-03/24/2004	Burton	Contribution Reduction for Legislative Employees Authorizes specified employers of the legislative branch of state government to establish the normal contribution rate for their respective employees for a 12-month period, as specified.	Support	05/20/2004- Assembly Floor

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SB 902 A-09/08/2003	Soto	Industrial Disability Retirement: Reduced Age Factors for Local Safety Members Existing law establishes the disability retirement allowance for local safety members as (1) 50% of the member's final compensation plus an annuity purchased with the member's accumulated additional contributions, if the member is not eligible to retire, or (2) the member's service retirement allowance if it would be greater than 50% and the member is eligible to retire. This bill would provide a new method for calculating the disability retirement allowance of local safety members who are not eligible to retire but who have earned enough service to exceed the 50% provided in current law.	Neutral	01/08/2004- In Assembly. Held at Desk.
SB 921 A-06/29/2004	Kuehl	Universal Coverage — Single-Payer System Establishes the California Health Care System to be administered by the newly created California Health Care Agency. By January 1, 2006, all California residents would be eligible for specified benefits under the California Health Care System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate or set fees for health care services and reimburse providers for services delivered. There would be no deductibles or copayments during the first 2 years of system operation, for most services.	Neutral	06/29/2004- Read second time, amended, and re-refer to Com. on APPR.
SB 1095 A-05/26/2004	Chesbro	2004-05 Budget Act This bill would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2004-05 fiscal year. Urgency clause.		05/26/2004- Senate Budget & Fiscal Review
SB 1192 A-05/24/2004	Chesbro	Mandated Benefits — Substance Abuse Treatment Requires health plans and insurers to provide coverage for substance abuse disorders on the same basis as coverage for any other medical care, except that outpatient treatments may be limited to 20 visits per year. Also, excludes treatment for caffeine and nicotine-related disorders. This bill would not be implemented unless the substance abuse coverage is cost-neutral for CalPERS.	Neutral	06/22/2004- Set, first hearing. Failed passage in committee.

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SB 1272* A-04/27/2004	Ortiz	Special District Governance Makes several changes with respect to the governance of special districts. Specifically, as it impacts CalPERS, this bill would prohibit a special district from making a contribution toward the health coverage of the members of its governing body first appointed or elected on or after January 1, 2005.		05/20/2004-Senate Appropriations Committee; failed passage.
SB 1401 A-06/23/2004	Perata	Retirement Adequacy Study Requires CalPERS to conduct a study and report to the Governor and the Legislature, by December 31, 2005, regarding the adequacy of retirement benefits paid to state retirees and their survivors and beneficiaries whose retirement allowances are equal to or less than the minimum retirement allowance of \$100 per month, had it been adjusted for inflation since January 1, 1956.	Support	06/23/2004-Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 1439 A-06/14/2004	Speier	Retired Annuitants: Unemployment Insurance Prohibits a retired member from employment as a retired annuitant with a CalPERS employer, if the retired member, within the prior 12 months, received unemployment insurance compensation following the termination of a previous retired-annuitant appointment with the same employer. The retired member would be required to terminate employment as a retired annuitant and would be ineligible for re-employment for a period of at least 12 months.	Support	06/24/2004-Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 1452* A-04/26/2004	Figueroa	Public Contracts: Non-Domestic Entities Prohibits, to the extent not in conflict with federal law, the state from contracting for services with any individual or entity that employs persons or subcontractors outside of the United States in order to perform and complete that state contract.		05/20/2004-Senate Appropriations Committee; held under submission.
SB 1487 A-06/22/2004	Speier	Hospital-Acquired Infection Data Requires hospitals to develop an infection control program for the surveillance, prevention, and control of infections. Also requires hospitals to report data on hospital-acquired infections to OSHPD and DHS. These requirements would sunset on October 1, 2012.	Support	06/22/2004-Assembly Appropriations Committee

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SB 1602* A-03/25/2004	Senate PE&R Committee	Public Employees' Retirement: Preretirement Death Benefits Existing law provides the Preretirement Option 2W death benefit with respect to retirement-eligible state members of CalPERS who die prior to retirement. Those benefits may also be provided to a retirement-eligible local member of the system, if the member's contracting agency has elected to make the benefit applicable to the agency's employees. This bill would make this benefit applicable to any retirement-eligible school or local member who dies on or after January 1, 2005, irrespective as to whether the local member's contracting agency has contracted for the benefit.	Support	05/20/2004-Senate Appropriations Committee; held under submission.
SB 1632* A-05/11/2004	Figueroa	Pension Plans: Corporate Reporting Requires public pension systems to request information of publicly-traded companies within their respective investment portfolios pertaining to labor, human rights, and environmental policies, as well as any public health, employment, consumer protection, or corruption-related violations, and any related penalties, on a biennial basis. Allows pension systems to phase in the surveying of companies within their portfolios over a period of three years. Provides for companies to self-certify that the information submitted is accurate and complete. Requires pension systems to report this data to the Legislature and to make the data publicly available.		05/20/2004-Senate Appropriations Committee; failed passage in committee.

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